

<b>WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES</b>	<b>CHAPTER:</b> Placement <b>POLICY:</b> Human and Sex Trafficking <b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 2.9
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## A. Purpose

For the protection of children and youth at risk of human and sex trafficking, and for identifying, documenting and determining appropriate services for such children/youth including those children who the state has reasonable cause to believe are victims or are at-risk of becoming victims of human or sex trafficking.<sup>1</sup> This applies to any child or youth over whom the state agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision of the Department of Family Services (DFS), which includes:

1. Any child/youth who is placed in DFS custody;
2. Any child/youth who is being supervised by DFS.

### Definitions

*Human Trafficking*- means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining labor services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

*Sex Trafficking*- means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act. Sex trafficking in which Commercial sexual act is induced to perform such act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion.

## B. Procedure

1. Screening. The DFS Caseworker shall complete an initial screening of child/youth who come into placement, care or under supervision of DFS to identify if she/he is at risk of becoming a human and/or sex trafficking victim or are a human/sex trafficking victim.
  - a. The DFS Caseworker shall complete form F-SS07 for Child(ren)/Youth who are alleged abused or neglected, delinquent or CHINS at the earliest point after intake, or no later than 7 days of case opening.
  - b. If the child(ren)/youth is identified as a victim, the DFS caseworker shall immediately and in no case later than 24 hours notify:
    - 1) Local Law Enforcement; and
    - 2) CA/DA
  - c. The results of the screening shall be documented in the DFS data system in the Incident Maintenance Screen under Human/Sex Trafficking Screening Maintenance.

<sup>1</sup> Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

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2. Children/Youth at Risk.
  - a. Children/youth who are identified as high risk of being a victim shall be referred to appropriate mental health or education services.
  - b. Children/youth who are referred to appropriate mental health and education services shall be re-evaluated for services every six months if he/she is in placement, care or supervision of DFS.
  - c. Children/youth may also be offered a medical examination if appropriate.
3. Identified Sex Trafficking Victims.
  - a. Any child/youth who has been identified as a sex trafficking victim may receive a medical examination and complete a forensic interview or interview by a person with knowledge of sex trafficking victims. Law enforcement shall be notified immediately and in no case later than 24 hours after identification.
  - b. Any child/youth who has been identified as a sex trafficking victim shall be referred to appropriate mental health or education services.
  - c. Children/youth who are referred to appropriate mental health and education services shall be re-evaluated for services every three months if he/she is in placement, care or supervision of DFS.
4. Runaway or Missing from Care
  - a. Any children/youth in the care of or under the supervision of the DFS who has been identified as a runaway, abducted, or otherwise missing or absent from care, a DFS caseworker shall immediately and in no case later than 24 hours notify:
    - 1) Local Law Enforcement to be entered into the National Crime Information Center;
    - 2) The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.missingkids.com/home>)
    - 3) CA/DA;
    - 4) GAL/Defense atty; and
    - 5) Court/judge
  - b. Information on any children/youth in the care of or under the supervision of DFS who is a runaway or missing from care shall be documented in DFS Data System in the Person Maintenance Screen under RAW/Missing Child. The information shall include the date RAW/missing and returned, as well as the reason for leaving. The Human/Sex Trafficking screening shall also be completed. The results of the screening shall be documented in the DFS data system in the Incident Maintenance Screen under Human/Sex Trafficking Screening Maintenance.
  - c. Children/youth shall receive a medical examination. If youth identifies any sex trafficking indicators, services shall be provided.